

Hope Remains for POW Deal

# Next Step Up to Fidel

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New York Atty. James

B. Donovan waited today for word from Fidel Castro on the next step in negotiations for release of 1113 Cuban invasion prisoners.

Mr. Donovan said when he arrived here on a regular commercial flight from Havana yesterday that he hoped the Cuban regime would contact him within 48 hours. He said the next move is up to Castro.

Mr. Donovan, weary from sessions with the Cuban premier, said he was hopeful Castro would accept the offer of the Cuban Families Committee of medicine, drugs, medical supplies and baby food as ransom for the captives of the abortive April 17, 1961, Bay of Pigs invasion.

While he waited word from Castro, Mr. Donovan planned to catch up on his rest and see a doctor about what he described as an infection in a bursitis condition in his arm.

The New Yorker, who negotiated the trade last February of Russian spy Rudolf Abel for American U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers and is the Democratic nominee opposing U. S. Sen. Jacob K. Javits, (N.Y.), made it clear when he met with newsmen here that he did not consider the talks finished.

## HOPEFUL

The prisoner negotiations have not broken down. There are simply some points that have not been resolved," he said.

He said the Families Committee, which he represents, had made "A definite concrete proposal to Dr. Castro. His government is considering it. It represents what we believe is the maximum we can offer."

Mr. Donovan declined to say flatly the prisoners would be released. "This would be very foolish on my part," he said.

"Whether or not the nego-

depends entirely on Premier Castro," he said.

But he added: "I am always optimistic about everything I engage in until I abandon it, and I am not ready to abandon this."

## NO MONEY

Mr. Donovan would not go into what he termed "new questions on specifics" holding up a final agreement. But he said the offer does not involve money, and that the U. S. Government has no part in the negotiations.

"My word does not involve one dollar in cash," he said.

He added that Castro had "absolutely not" asked him to demand concessions from the U. S. Government as a basis for resuming the negotiations. The attorney said he had no plans for contacting President Kennedy or other Administration officials about the negotiations.

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